Increasing LTTE activities in Tamil Nadu

4767. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the LTTE activities have increased in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government are making periodical review of the LTTE activities in this State; and

(c) the steps taken to curb such activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Government is aware of the activities of LTTE in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Central Government and the State Government of Tamil Nadu remain in touch and share intelligence inputs for appropriate precautionary and remedial action. The coastline of Tamil Nadu is guarded to prevent possible infiltration by LTTE elements. Armed check posts and mobile patrols have been set up. Palk Bay is kept under continuous surveillance by the Navy and the Coast Guard. The Central Government has declared the LTTE as an unlawful association.

Terrorism in North Cachar Hills

4768. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the terrorist groups/extremists/anti-national elements/ ISI agents have been killed/nabbed/ arrested by the army and para-military forces in the State of Assam particularly in the North Cachar hills district during the last six months and till date, category-wise;

(b) the details of such cases registered and chargesheeted against above terrorist groups;

(c) the details of the terrorist groups released from the Haflong jail in the North Cachar hills district of Assam during this period; and

(d) the reasons for releasing such terrorists, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Package for surrender of Terrorists in Assam

4769. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any special package for the State of Assam with regard to ensure all the terrorist groups like ULFA, NDFB, BLT, KPF, KNV, DHD, HPC to surrender before Government during this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not taking initiatives to tackle the situation in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Scheme for Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation of Militants in the North East, effective from 01.04.98 is presently applicable to the States of Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura. Apart from the said scheme, there is no special package for Assam.

(c) Government has extended an invitation to all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness to come forward for talks within the four corners of our Constitution. Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) has come forward for peace talks abjuring the path of violence. Other militant outfits have not responded for talks within the parameters indicated.

Grants for combating militancy in Assam

4770. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have sanctioned financial grants to Assam to combat militants activities in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the amount of funds sanctioned; and

(c) the details of financial assistance released to the State of Assam during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Government of India has been reimbursing as per approved guidelines the additional security related